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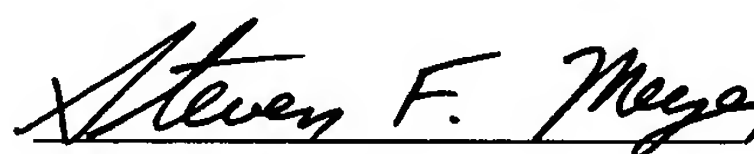
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Respectfully submitted,

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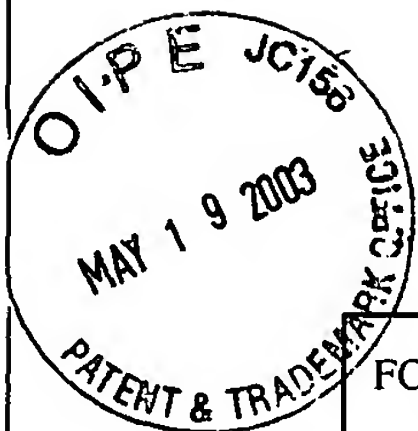


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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1.	4,889,885	12/26/89	Usuki et al.	524	445	3/4/88

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	2.	2000256492	9/19/00	Japan	C08J	9/00	X (Abstract)	
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	4.	DE 36 21 686 A1	1/14/88	Germany	C09K	3/14		X
	5.	DE 31 48 326 A1	6/23/83	Germany	C08K	7/04		X
	6.	0 343 433	11/29/89	Europe	C08L	61/06	X	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, Etc.)

	7.		Choi, et al., XP-002236119, Chemistry of Materials, 12(10): 2977-2983 (2000).

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